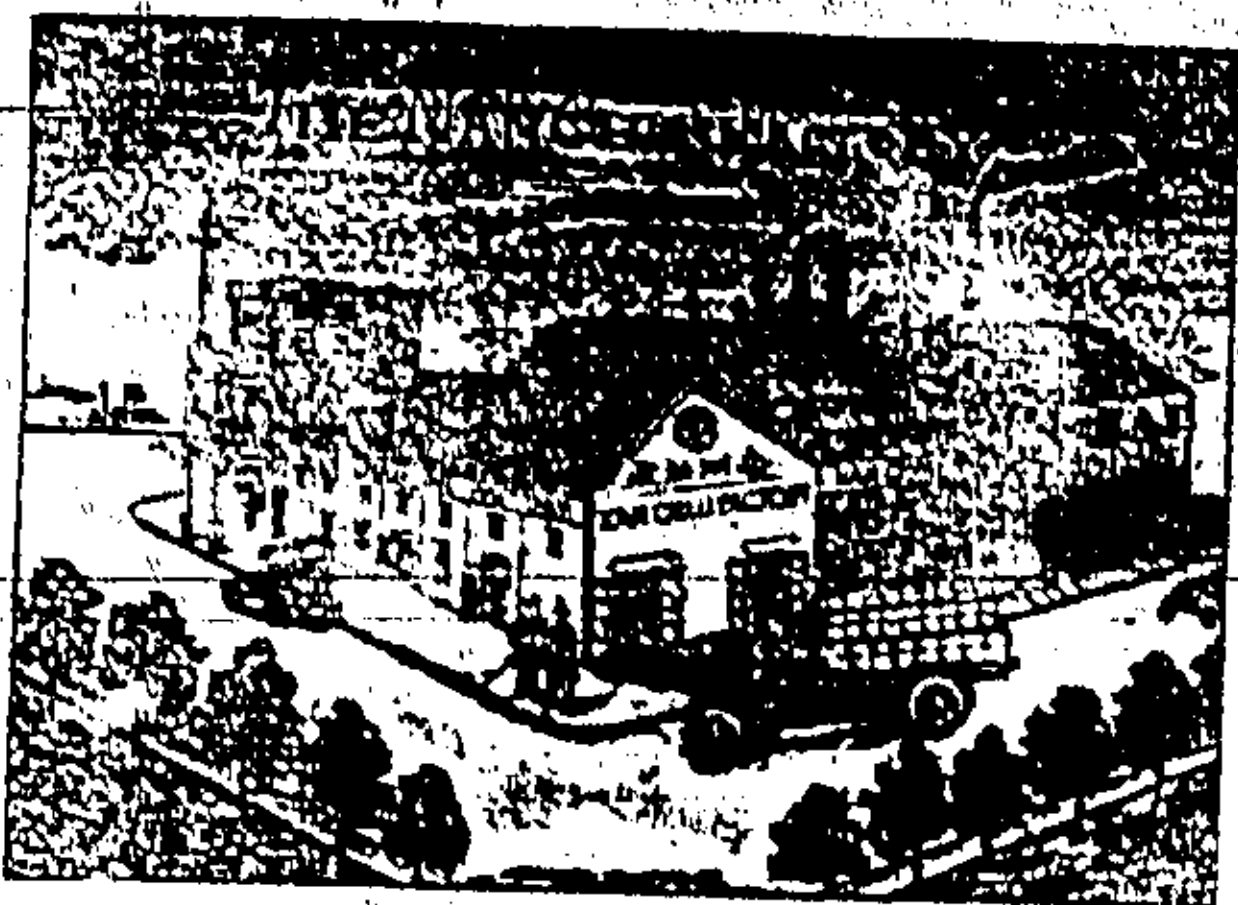




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HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR.—I have read with much interest the Chairman's speech (as reported in the local Press) delivered at the annual meeting on 6th inst., and more particularly that portion which dealt with my letter of 5th inst. to your journal.

I am pleased to learn that the Chairman is personally disinclined to take any notice of all anonymous letters and, therefore, congratulate myself on the fact that my letter served some purpose and touched someone on the "raw," else why did not the Chairman follow his professed principle and ignore it?

"Interested" is a shareholder of many years' standing and is quite aware of his rights in the matter of asking questions without gratuitous advice from the Chairman on the subject.

I observe that the Chairman four years ago found it difficult to resist the conclusion that the cloak of anonymity usually conceals the critic disappointed of personal gain, and that he confessed he "found it difficult to trace in the matter of this letter a capacity to see further than the length of an ordinary nose."

The critic, in this instance, contrary to the Chairman's hasty conclusion, has made much personal gain on his investment and hopes to make much more in due course.

The directors of almost all Hongkong's public companies are practically the same lot, whose number scarcely exceeds a score. It is not given to every shareholder to be in the happy position of the one-time salesman of the "Princely House," who, at a meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. in 1891, openly "flouted" the then Chairman of that Company, who happened to be the resident Head of that self-same "Princely House." (The Chairman of the Wharf Co. might do worse than turn up the report of that meeting and read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the subject matter of the discussion. I might prove edifying.)

There are many shareholders in this Colony who might wish to appear at the annual meetings and criticize as well as ask questions, but for many and various reasons, cannot afford to do so; hence, the adoption of the immemorial custom of writing to the Press anonymously. Did they otherwise, they might incur treatment similar to that meted out to the "China Mail" by the hon. gentleman who presides over the destinies of the "Princely House." Being a shipper of China produce, I might not be able to secure space for my shipments by any of the many steamers which the Chairman's firm controls, despite the fact that such control is exercised either as managers or agents for the owners only.

The question is not: "Who is the writer or author of such letters?" But rather: "Is the subject matter of the letter correct and one for legitimate criticism?"

It is unfortunate that the Chairman, in alluding to the correspondence, saw fit to "throw mud" (both this and the attack on the anonymity of the letter being the usual refuge of one unable to meet argument by argument) by stating that he "found it difficult to trace in the matter of the letter a capacity to see further than the length of an ordinary nose," because his opening reference to the letter in question showed plainly, that, by himself, had been let, most probably, by that organ by some member of the Board who probably drew his attention to the unwisdom of allowing the letter to be ignored.

The Chairman is new to his position, and I invite his attention to the figures, set forth further on, which may prove worthy of a little consideration at his hands. It might also prove beneficial to him to investigate the past record of the Star Ferry Co., which is managed by the Wharf Co., and the Board of Directors of which is always composed of directors of the Wharf Co. Therein, I opine, he will find much food for reflection, especially if he will take the trouble to inspect "both companies' returns of shareholders." Being a shipper of goods, before the calling of the unpaid balance of the first issue of new shares, and after the several increases of capital had been effected, the Wharf Co., from 1913 to 1919, and take due note of the holdings, at the different periods, of certain parties. Thereafter he may not be so ready to cast cheap jibes at anonymous writers.

Further, since the Chairman seems so satisfied with his knowledge of the company's affairs—past, present and future—I would invite him to ask himself and answer, in all sincerity, whether he, as Chairman, and not another member of the Board, is first and most frequently consulted by the Secretary on all and every matter connected with the company and its business?

If he will peruse my letter, he will find that my complaint was not wholly that the future was being too liberally provided for (although, as a matter of fact, I consider it is), but that the burden thereof was the inconsistency in dealing with profits from year to year.

But as he has referred to this aspect of the question, I would like to point out that posterity is being unduly well provided for at the expense of the present generation of shareholders, as an inspection of the figures lower down will amply prove.

On 1918 working results, the directors could have paid a dividend of \$3 and a bonus of \$2 per share, which, together with the \$10.67 representing 1/3d "uncurrent" share, would have been a magnificent distribution, and it would have

enabled them to carry forward to 1919 account \$160,523.06 instead of \$40,583.96 only. This would have permitted a dividend for 1919 of \$8 and bonus of \$2 per share (or the same as for 1918) without in any way curtailing the appropriations for depreciation and carry forward. As a matter of fact, the 1918 accounts, if so treated, would have provided a further surplus of \$40,000 after paying \$8 in dividend and bonus for 1919. Instead of which the directors have paid a bonus for 1919 of \$2.50 per share less than for 1918, and this in face of the fact that all Hongkong knew that the company had done better than in the previous year (it was a record year, in fact) and, naturally, expected a return similar to that for 1918.

Out of 1917 and 1918 profits \$10 per share was paid in dividends and bonuses, and as the profits for 1919 were more than in either of those two years, the least that should have been done would have been to make a similar distribution.

Had this been done, the distribution of 1919 profits would have been as follows:—
Profits available \$939,703.23
Pay dividend of \$8 \$639,703.23
Pay bonus of \$1 per share \$400,000.00
Share 200,000.00
Write off for depreciation 100,000.00
Carry forward to new account 39,703.23
..... \$939,703.23

Can anyone see anything wrong with this?

If it was deemed satisfactory in 1918 to carry forward \$40,583.96 after writing off \$115,625 only, why, with larger profits in 1919, is it considered imperative to write off \$37,192 and carry forward \$146,583.27 more than in the previous year?

Is this consistent, or is it "playing a game?"

I appreciate the proposition that the present interests of the individual should be subordinated to those of the future of the company, provided always it be not overdone.

I respectfully submit that, in view of the great scarcity of shipping in Hongkong during the past four years, notwithstanding which the company made increasing profits each year, there is every prospect of a very great increase in the number of ships that will visit this port in this and subsequent years, which cannot fail to bring a corresponding increase to the company's business. Should this desirable event happen and extra business necessitate further expenditure for godowns, wharves, lighters and equipment, it is natural that further capital should be raised to meet such expenditure. Such capital should not be provided out of profits. It may be very nice for our successors to provide heavily out of profits for their benefit but it can hardly be expected to please present shareholders.

But it must not be overlooked that Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and Charter and Mody are the respective "heirs-at-law" to the Chairmanship and a Directorship, which may or may not have some influence on the policy hitherto followed by these parties in regard to the company's accounts.

The following figures speak for themselves:—

1.—Buildings:—
Book value 31/12/1913 \$1,631,639.89
Less sold 1919 56,210.00

Since expended in Mezzanine floors to storage godowns and erection of new godowns 600,360.44

Written off in 1919 \$2,176,090.33
..... 25,000.00

Present book value \$2,150,990.33
2.—Machinery and Plant:—
Book value 31/12/1909 \$173,015.58
Additions 1910/1914 39,917.70

Written off (including \$4,282.05 realised for useless or condemned M. and P.) \$191,834.28

Present book value \$20,000.00
3.—Railways and Rolling Stock:—
Book value 31/12/1909 \$103,778.46
Additions 1910/1914 38,438.81

Written off 1910/1919 \$142,217.97
..... 122,217.97

Present book value \$20,000.00
4.—Wharves:—
Book value 31/12/1910 \$435,794.70
New Wharves and rebuilding old 593,629.07

Written off 1911/19 \$505,062.97
Sale of ferry wharf (old) 24,341.40

Present book value \$500,000.00
5.—Launches:—
Book value 31/12/1909 \$70,452.50
New launches 1913/1914 47,000.00

Written off 1909/1919 \$75,762.50
"Kowloon" over 20 years old sold for 4,000.00
"Pelican" small 700.00
"Albatross" 10,000.00

Present book value \$27,000.00
6.—Lighters:—
Book value 31/12/1909 \$439,182.61
Additions 1913/1918 24,589.82

Written off 1909/1919 \$433,772.43
..... 30,000.00

Present book value \$7,410.19
Book value 1909 5,092.24
Written off 1909/1919 2,317.95

Present book value \$1,000.00
(Continued at foot of next column.)

COMPANY MEETING.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the above Company was held in the office of Messrs. Dedwell & Co., Ltd., yesterday, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dedwell, presiding. The other members present were Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, W. Adamson, G. Otten, A. E. Crappell, A. Ritchie, G. E. Edwards, E. Ezra, G. M. Dodwell, and Charles Gerken (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The profit on trading for the year amounts to \$47,028.02 as against \$37,646.14 last year, and including the interest on investments and the carry forward from last year, there is an amount available for distribution of \$92,438.78. I feel sure that this result will be satisfactory to you and that you will also approve of the allocation recommended in the report. There has naturally been a great increase in the demand for water, due to the return to the port of a large quantity of tonnage diverted during the war, and also, of course, to fresh tonnage making use of the port, and our boats have been very hard put to it to cope with this demand. During the year a new waterboat has been contracted for which should be ready next month, while to enable us to efficiently deal with the estimated requirements of the port, a further boat will be constructed, probably during the latter part of this year. Last year, you will remember, \$9,000 was placed to special repairs account towards the cost of certain repairs that would be necessary when the cost of steel became more reasonable. Unfortunately, owing to the demand, the pressure on the boats has been too great to allow of this work being done last year, but it will be commenced immediately the first new boat is in commission, and in the meantime your superintendent is satisfied that the delay in carrying out these repairs will not adversely affect the life of the boats. It is not necessary to increase this special repair fund, which is considered sufficient for purposes for which it was set aside. You will notice that we have to write off \$1,890 (from investments to bring them down to their market value on December 31st).

The report and statement of accounts were adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bonnar. Mr. C. B. Brown was elected auditor, at a remuneration of \$200, on the proposition of Mr. A. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. A. E. Crappell.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION FOR JANUARY.

Returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ended January 31st, 1920, as certified by the managers of the respective banks:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$10,431,708	\$5,000,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	29,335,161	17,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	978,147	550,000†
Total	\$37,745,016	\$22,550,000

* Sterling securities deposited with the Crown Agents, valued at \$423,000.
† Securities with the Crown Agents, \$137,000.

—Distribution of Profits:—

Year	Available	Dividend
1910	\$36,788.48	\$168,591.46
1911	57,938.77	76,891.17
1912	616,490.81	108,612.38
1913	440,402.80	132,703.32
1914	433,577.60	134,607.48
1915	471,895.67	136,907.31
1916	728,099.81	140,647.42
1917	1,011,708.68	146,486.06
1918	1,161,486.06	146,486.06
1919	809,703.23	152,707.00

(And 1 new share for every 3 old, issued by appropriation of \$1,000,000 from reserve.)

Thus it will be seen that the profits in 10 years amounted to \$1,000,000 less than \$8,345,096.05 on a capital of \$3,000,000 up to 1918, and \$4,000,000 in 1919; written off for depreciation \$1,249,920.55; placed to reserve \$800,000; to equalization of dividends \$150,000; to European employees' funds and bonuses amounting to \$3,300,000 besides distributing one new share for every three old shares.—Yours faithfully,

"INTERESTED."

ELECTRIC LIGHT CHARGES

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR.—Since the Electricity Department of Shanghai has announced a seven per cent. reduction in the prices charged for electric light, what will the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., grant us?

At least a five per cent. reduction would be very much appreciated. Perhaps the Company will consider this matter.

Yours faithfully,
A GREAT CONSUMER.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI. DEFEAT NAVY 2ND XI.

The above match was played on the University ground on Saturday, ending in a draw for the University, who run 100 and 100 for the winners and Spain and Essex for the losers, batted well.

NAVY.	Runs.
Spain, b. Yeoh	10
Silcox, b. Hunt	25
Bryant, b. Yeoh	21
Alvares, b. Yeoh	11
Ponder, not out	0
Baker, b. Hunt	3
Collins, b.w., b. Yeoh	3
Carry, b. Yeoh	0
Scawn, b. Hunt	1
Extras	13
Total	101

Bowling Analysis.	o.	v.	r.	w.
Yeoh	1	0	53	5
Hunt	1	0	24	1
Pun	1	0	5	2

UNIVERSITY.	Runs.
H. C. Hunt, b.w., b. Scawn	42
K. S. Cheah, b. Evans	5
C. H. Yeoh, b. Evans	0
R. W. Barney, b. Evans	0
L. I. Yeoh, b. Baker	49
T. A. Yeoh, c. and b. Evans	1
S. W. Chan, b. Evans	6
A. R. Con, b.w., b. Baker	8
T. O. Yeoh, b. Baker	29
J. A. Yung, not out	17
M. K. Yue, b. Collins	13
Extras	6
Total	167

Bowling Analysis.	o.	v.	r.	w.
Bryant	4	0	21	0
Evans	13	1	74	5
Scawn	3	0	19	1
Baker	3	2	16	3
Carry	2	2	22	0
Collins	1	3/4	10	1

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF SECOND DIVISION MATCHES.

Owing to the rains there will be no football matches at Happy Valley on Saturday next. The remaining fixtures in the Second Division, Hongkong League, have been re-arranged to take place as follows:—

February 21st:—	February 28th:—
R.N. (R.) v. Kowloon F.C., Club ground.	Staffs and Depts. v. United F.C., Navy ground.
Indian R.C. v. South China "B," Military ground.	H.K.F.C. (R.) v. Staff and Depts., Club ground.
Club de Recreo v. United F.C., Navy ground.	South China "B" v. St. Joseph's, Military ground.
March 8th:—	St. Joseph's (R.) v. H.K.F.C. (R.), Club ground.

SECOND DIVISION TABLE.

The Second Division Table stands at present as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	G.	P.P.H.
Navy (R.)	8	8	0	0	35	1	16
Kowloon F.C.	8	8	0	0	51	2	16
Staff & Depts.	7	5	0	0	28	3	10
H.K.F.C. (R.)	7	5	0	0	12	8	10
Club de Recreo	8	5	0	0	7	21	6
United F.C.	8	4	1	3	22	5	
St. Joseph's (R.)	7	4	1	2	15	28	5
S.C.A. "B"	7	3	5	0	17	4	
Indian R.C.	8	1	6	2	6	41	4
S.C.A. "A"	8	0	8	1	24	1	

TENNIS.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

An American Tournament (mixed doubles) will be held at the Ladies' Recreation Club at 2 1/2 p.m. on Saturday, March 6th, 1920. The entrance fee for each couple is two dollars. Entries for the similar tournament which was not played on the 31st of January on account of the rain hold good for this tournament. Fresh entries must reach the Secretary (Mrs. Digby) or the No. 1 Boy at the Club House before Saturday, February 28th. A member of the Club may enter with a non-member as partner if desired. No couple will be allowed to complete unless their entrance fee has been paid.

LOCAL FIRMS DEPOSIT.

ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF EMPLOYEE.

It is feared that the firm of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. has suffered loss to the extent of \$5,500 by the alleged disappearance of a Chinese employee of the firm. The latter was given \$5,500 to deposit in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Saturday, but for some reason or other, failed to do so. A report was made to the Police, who are investigating the matter.

ARMED ROBBERY IN A VILLAGE.

WIDOW VICTIMIZED.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place in Tak Tam Au village. At about 5.30 p.m. on February 8th, someone knocked at the door of a widow residing in the village and asked to be allowed in. The woman opened the door whereupon three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver and the others carried torches, seized the woman, and threw her to the ground. The robbers took away goods to the value of \$200.

STRANDING OF THE
"KAIFONG."MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY
PROCEEDINGS.
MASTER EXONERATED FROM ALL
BLAME.

A Marine Court of Inquiry, composed of Capt. Basil Taylor, R.N. (President), Lieut. F. J. Lambert, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. "Carlisle," Capt. T. Arthur of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Mr. J. W. Road, master of the s.s. "Protetians," and Mr. N. W. V. Cortlandt, master of the "Cheong Shing," was held yesterday to make enquiry into the circumstances of the stranding of the s.s. "Kaifong," of which Mr. E. B. Jones was master and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire the Agents. The "Kaifong" was stranded off the island of Siang-la-tao in the Tonkin Gulf on December 20th.

Mr. E. B. Jones, the master of the "Kaifong," said he was on voyage from Pakhoi to Haiphong; he left Pakhoi at 4.15 p.m. on December 16th. The vessel was carrying 100 tons of general cargo and 27 passengers, including one European. The weather was clear and cloudy and there was a N.E. wind, with moderate seas. At 5.07 p.m., with the moderate breeze, a course was set S. 82 W. (comp.), error 1 deg. W., making a true course of S. 81 W. The error of the compass 1 deg. W. being verified later by an amplitude.

At 6 p.m., the bearing of Kwantun Bluff was right ahead, N. 62 E. At 8 p.m. he wrote up the night orders, which were as follows:—To sail on when Norway Island light showed 93, and if not sighted when Log showed 93, to call me then. This gave a run of 93 miles to the range of the light. Witness called the Chief Officer, Mr. Hibbert, into the chart room and showed him about where he would pick up the light, cautioning him to be careful of sets. At 2.30 a.m., on December 20th, witness was awakened by the vessel striking and immediately went on the bridge and put the telegraph at stop, as the engines were still working at full speed ahead. He asked the Chief Officer where they were and he replied that he did not know.

Witness saw the high land on the port hand, about half-a-mile distant. A light rain was falling at the time. Witness at once ordered the vessel to be sounded, also round ship. The soundings round ship were as follows:—Forward, 10 feet; Amidships, 12 feet on both sides, increasing to 16 feet aft. At the same time, life-saving appliances were made ready for instant use, boats swung out, and every precaution taken for the saving of life.

At daylight a boat was dispatched for assistance, and junks were procured and passengers and mails taken to the nearest port, which was Hongay.

The ship was making 7 feet of water in about half an hour, and about half an hour afterwards there must have been a hole under the engine room, where she was on a rock. At first the water came slowly into the engine room. He made no effort to get the vessel off, because it was obvious that it was useless to do so.

The Court: What distance the islands before coming to Norway Island? Witness: I have not covered the course before, but I have here a list of courses showing that I followed the course followed for years.

Did you make any allowance for the tide?—I made sufficient allowance for the tide, according to the course followed by others.

Was it your first trip on the ship?—It was my first trip on the ship and my first trip that was for some time. I had been on the Shanghai run for a long time.

Mr. John Hibbert, mate of the "Kaifong," said that he relieved the second mate at midnight. It was a dark but clear night. The wind was N.E. (force 3). The sea was choppy. They were steering due west, at a speed of about 10 knots. The captain had let him know to be called when he saw Norway Island light. About 12.30 a.m. he sighted a steamer going in the opposite direction; also several lights on junks. Nothing unusual occurred till 2 a.m. The quarter-master was about to be relieved and he told the quarter-master to go and look at the log when he was relieved. The quarter-master saw the log and came and told witness it was 59. Between 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. it started to rain. At 2.30 a.m. he again asked the quarter-master to see the log. He came back and said it showed 62. At 2.30 a.m. the vessel struck.

Were you keeping your eye on the compass?—Yes, and looking for the light. You were satisfied the ship was on her course?—Yes.

Did you see any land?—I could see nothing. The junk lights!—Yes, we passed them on both sides.

They were not lights on shore?—No, they were junk lights; they were going out and coming on again. After the vessel struck did you see land?—No.

Where were you?—I was on the bridge. At the actual moment she struck I was amidships on the bridge, looking for the Norway Island light.

Capt. R. Innes, Acting Superintendent, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (China Navigation Co.), said: The second officer, in his evidence, made statements corroborative of the captain's evidence.

Capt. Innes asked Capt. Jones what he did as soon as the ship struck. Capt. Jones replied that he ordered the engines to be stopped and then took soundings.

Capt. Innes: You shaped a course South 82 West to pass the land 7 miles away. Capt. Jones: I shaped a course to pick up the lights.

Capt. Innes: That would have taken you seven miles from land. Capt. Jones: The course I took should have taken me 7 1/2 miles from the land. Capt. Innes: Taking the current into account?

Capt. Jones said that he had made allowance for the current. Taking the current into account from the time the steamer left Pakhoi, we made an allowance for a set of 1 1/2 knots, she could not have hit land.

Capt. Read said that the set is not felt at the north end of Tonkin Gulf, nor off Norway Island.

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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.
ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF
PRIZES.SCHOOLS' BOXING LEAGUE TO BE
FORMED.

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of St. Joseph's College, was held yesterday evening in the College premises, his Excellency the Governor presiding. There was a fairly large attendance of parents of the pupils and their friends who took a keen interest in the proceedings. The pupils delighted the audience with a number of vocal and instrumental items and received unstinted applause.

THE REPORT.

Bro Aimar, in presenting the report, said:—Your Excellency, my Lord, ladies and gentlemen.—On behalf of the staff and the pupils, I am happy to welcome your Excellency to-day, and to express our grateful appreciation of your kindness and the interest you take in our work. I have this year the satisfaction of reading to you a report which records a successful scholastic year: for unlike 1917 and 1918, the year 1919 was free from accidents and epidemics such as hampered the regular working of the school for two successive years.

The average enrolment of the 16 classes held here and in the Robinson Road building was 563, and the average attendance 550. The enrolment and attendance of the Kowloon Branch was 53 and 53 respectively.

At the Annual Inspection, Mr. Ralphs reported the discipline excellent, and the staff in accordance with the Code requirements. I quote from the remarks on Reading and Composition: "An improvement in Reading has taken place during the year. In Classes 4a and 4b pronunciation and enunciation showed marked improvement. In Classes 3 and 2, the boys read intelligently and with proper expression. As to Composition in Class 5, the work done was satisfactory. In Class 4, a story was reproduced by the boys; 16 papers were excellent, 26 very good, and 26 good. Many of the papers were well written. In the higher classes, essays were written for the Inspector: 6 excellent, 30 very good, and 38 good. In Classes 1 and 2 the essays were well written and gave evidence of considerable general knowledge. Test examinations are held at stated times regularly supplied and detailed reports regularly supplied to the parents of the pupils. The new edition of the Weekly Report Book contains a complete record of the weekly and monthly reviews and of the Quarterly Tests.

The younger boys of Class 3 take the Oxford Preliminary Examination. 17 were successful in the last July Examination. The Lizard Scholarship was awarded to H. Braga. The 40 boys on roll in Class 2 were presented for the Junior Local Examination. 23 of them passed in July, and 6 more in December. S. A. Rumjahn obtained distinction in Stenography, Yung Kai Yip in Arithmetic, Chinese, and Biblical Knowledge, and Loh Kung Tso in Biblical Knowledge. The students of Class 1 distinguished themselves. 11 passed the Matriculation, 8 in July and 3 in December; 3 others were awarded a Senior Local Certificate, and but 3 failed out of 17 on roll. J. B. Vinh and Chow Fung To matriculated with Honours.

In his report the Director of Education noted that Shortland is very successfully taught to selected pupils in the Upper Classes. During the year under review 3 First-Class and 18 Second-Class certificates were awarded by Pitman's Institute. There are 10 typewriters for the use of the boys, and both Boarders and Day-schoolers avail themselves of them between school hours.

Capt. Cortlandt said he had been on the course ten days ago. He agreed with Capt. Read's statement.

Capt. Jones said that, on the night before, there was a set, and he picked up land at 2.4 point bearing. The Chinese quarter-master of the "Kaifong" said he went to the wheel at 2.30 a.m. They were steering South 62 West. He did not alter the course at all. He did not notice any lights on either side. Shortly before 3 a.m. the ship struck a sandbank.

Mr. J. T. Lang, pilot on the Hainan Straits, said he had been a pilot on the Straits for many years, working the Straits and the Gulf of Tonkin. He was on the bridge of the "Kaifong" when she left Pakhoi; he took her out. He did not go on the bridge after the course was set. The course they were steering was South 62 West. He considered that a very prudent course. He had experience of the set of the tide. It was not a strong tide.

Mr. Hibbert, recalled, said when they struck he did not see Kuo-Tao Island. He was looking for it. He had not left the bridge during the time he was on duty. He did not order the engines to be stopped when the vessel struck. The captain came up at once and did that.

After Capt. Jones had been recalled, and questioned by Capt. Innes, the finding of the Court was as follows:—"We find that the s.s. "Kaifong," O.N. 95430, London, Master Ernest Ernest Jones, sailed from Pakhoi for Haiphong at 4.15 p.m. on December 16th, 1919. At 5.7 p.m. the ship's position was verified by cross-bearings and the course set S. 81 deg. W. (true) to pass 11 miles outside Norway Island. Nothing was sighted except lights of passing vessels, though the night was clear, though dark. At 2.30 a.m. the ship struck on a shoal in the north of Siang-la-tao, which is 10 miles from the estimated position of the ship. There is no evidence of the ship having been off her course at any time.

"We are of opinion that the ship must have experienced a strong set to westward which may be regarded as unusual and not to be anticipated. The master took all necessary steps before and after the stranding.

With regard to the Higher Classes it is satisfactory to note that whereas the total attendance of the College has increased by only 40 in 5 years, it has gone up roughly from 50 to 100 in Classes 1, 2 and 3; so that one-third of the present pupils frequent those classes. This improvement is partly due to the assistance given to boys in poor circumstances by charitable societies. I notice that the boys appreciate very much what the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Hongkong Benevolent Society are doing for them, and feel that they must respond to the practical sympathy shown them by good behaviour and greater diligence in their studies.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

The accommodation we have for boarders has been fully occupied throughout the year. Dr. Strahan found the buildings in an excellent sanitary condition, and was able to report that, with the exception of a few cases of influenza, the children had enjoyed very good health.

ATHLETICS.

The following list of trophies carried off last year shows that the reputation of the College for athletics has been well maintained:—The College Teams won the Junior League Cup, and the Hongkong Schools' Junior and Senior Football Championships, Junior and Senior Shield, A. Rahmin won the Senior Championship at the Hongkong Schools' Sports, and the Championship of the Colony. The Junior and Senior Team Races, the Half-mile and the Quarter-mile races, and the Swimming Shield in the Inter-School Swimming Competition, were also won by the students.

THE ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM.

In his report the Director of Education states that owing to lack of accommodation in this old club building, seven classes are taught in the annex to the old College Buildings in Robinson Road. While the annex is suitable as a school building, the arrangement is very inconvenient, as it is at some distance removed from the rest of the school. Mr. Ralphs is right: it is very inconvenient indeed to take 50 boarders up and down twice a day at all times, especially in rainy weather. Moreover, the club building is unsuitable for class-rooms; only 3 or 4 are properly lighted and ventilated. Thus we are practically compelled to build new class-rooms with a view to providing accommodation for the whole school. Building operations were commenced last November. The extension will be a three-storey building comprising five classes in each floor. A year hence our little housing problem will be solved, and both the day school and the boarding establishment re-organized on our new site. I must confess, however, that our financial difficulties will be increased to such an extent that we find it impossible to surmount them without the assistance of the public. But you know that the heavy debt we have already incurred is due to circumstances over which we had no control, and that the funds we need for the new building will be solicited for the welfare of the 600 children to whose education we devote our lives; and what we receive from you will go to them. I feel therefore confident that my appeal for assistance will be heard, and that the 60,000 dollars we still need will be forthcoming.

It now remains for me to thank your Excellency very much for having come to present the prizes to-day. I wish to express my grateful thanks to our benefactors for their contribution to the Prize Fund. I also thank you, my Lord, ladies and gentlemen, for the honour of your presence.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

After the reading of the report by Bro. Aimar, his Excellency, addressing the boys, said: I am sure that we may congratulate the College on the excellent year's work of which the report has been read to you, and that we may, also, express the hope that by this time next year they will have solved the small problem of financial requirements to which the Principal has alluded. I think as a matter of fact, I have some correspondence on the subject which I will bear in mind when circumstances are somewhat easier than at the present moment. There is nothing, I think, that arises specially out of the report. I am very glad to see reference to the excellent work done by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Hongkong Benevolent Society, and to learn that the work is appreciated by the boys as it is through the work of these societies that a good are able to equip themselves with a good and sound education. The trophies, which you see on the platform, show that the school does not sacrifice the *mens sana in corpore sano* to the *mens sana*, and the record which appears in the report is one of which any school may be justly proud. I note with regret the absence of reference to one form of sport which I consider one of the best for a boys' school, and that is boxing. I think I am not giving away any secret of the recently formed Boxing Association when I tell you that it is proposed to establish a schools' boxing competition in the near future. I want to arouse enthusiasm among the staff and the boys for boxing, and I hope we shall then see St. Joseph's taking a prominent part in this as it has done in other forms of sport. I must express my pleasure at being asked to be present, my congratulations on the record of last year and my hope that the record of the present year will be even better. I am absolutely unable to make myself audible, and, bearing in my mind that the preliminary duty of a gentleman is to have consideration for others, I will not pain your feelings by making any further remarks. (Laughter and applause.)

His Excellency then presented the prize to the successful students.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The following is the list of prize winners:—

Class 5a:—1, H. M. Remedios; 2, L. K. Lin; 3, R. M. Gutierrez; 4, Andrew Tabolot; 5, V. Marques; 6, H. Barretto; 7, H. Silvina; 8, G. W. Pearson; and 9, C. Borros.

Class 5b:—1, Sung Sui Un; 2, Chan Wou Yuen; 3, Lo Pak Wang; 4, Pan King; 5, Yu Cho Nim; 6, Tai Foo Khuen; 7, Lai Shan Nam; and 8, Kung Ping Yuen.

Class 7a:—1, B. Fung; 2, Q. Fung; 3, C. Ribeiro; 4, F. Cruz; 5, B. M. Vieira; 6, S. E. Xavier; 7, R. Pucco; and 8, Roberto Chiva.

Class 7b:—1, Si Loong; 2, Sui Lun; 3, Sik Tuen; 4, Sin Hoy; 5, Wai Chan; 6, Wing Fook; 7, Yin Chee; and 8, Sui Wing Yan.

Class 8a:—1, A. Fung; 2, Ho Suk Yee; 3, C. da Rosa; 4, C. Wilkinson; 5, Lim Uy Yoo; 6, A. Ward; 7, V. Rodrigues; and 8, Go Treng Nam.

Class 8b:—1, Lo To Tung; 2, Pek Wan; 3, Kin Paw; 4, Lan Chow; 5, Yoon Cheung; 6, Wong Chin; 7, Chun Ip; and 8, Wing Yan.

Class 6 (Kowloon Branch):—1, F. Britto; 2, F. Pinna; 3, P. Silva; 4, B. de Jesus; 5, G. Souza; and 6, L. Gomes.

Class 5a:—1, P. Olorio; 2, A. G. Ribeiro; 3, J. Urreaga; 4, C. R. Silva; 5, C. de Souza; 6, H. Rumjahn; 7, L. Peres; and 8, C. F. Osmond.

Class 5b:—1, Tak Yim; 2, Poh Chang; 3, Shan Ki; 4, Tak Chin; 5, Kan Fong; 6, Kwong Ying; 7, C. N. Kuen; and 8, Luz Yung.

Class 5 (Kowloon Branch):—1, B. de Jesus; 2, R. Tavares; 3, M. Soares; 4, J. Alvarez; 5, V. Nunes; and 6, S. Souza.

Class 4a:—1, Marcus Silva (Old Boys' Scholarship); 2, A. M. Xavier; 3, F. Garcia; 4, M. Fishman; 5, D. Xavier; 6, H. Remedios; 7, A. Cosano; and 8, G. Noronha.

Class 4b:—1, J. Holm (Old Boys' Scholarship); 2, C. Chanatong; 3, J. Lau; 4, J. Loi; 5, C. Rodrigues; 6, A. Rozario; 7, A. Gay; and 8, F. Noronha.

Class 4c:—1, Kai Man (Old Boys' Scholarship); 2, Ying Lok; 3, Sik Wing; 4, Lan Lap; 5, Marius Woo; 6, Ip Kan; 7, Lan Fook; and 8, Pan Yu.

Preliminary Class:—1, Paul Hachima; 2, L. da Silva; 3, Hugh Braga (First for English); 4, L. K. Kwok; 5, C. da Silva; 6, S. Concepcion; 7, Joseph Alves; and 8, J. da Silva.

Class 3a:—1, Li Tek Joo (Old Boys' Scholarship); 2, Li Tek Hui; 3, R. A. Hachima; 4, H. Han Wong; 5, Francis Young; 6, C. Remedios; 7, A. Hamet; and 8, O. Rumjahn.

General Proficiency:—Yung Kai Yip (Brother Peter's Memorial Scholarship); English:—1st, S. H. Garrod, (Belilos Scholarship) and 2nd, J. E. Noronha; Biblical Knowledge:—1st, Kai Yip, (Distinction) and 2nd, Chun Chung; Mathematics:—1st, Kai Yip and 2nd, M. Umamoto; History:—1st, A. G. Abbas and 2nd, S. H. Garrod; Geography:—1st, M. Oao and 2nd, Tso Tak On; Arithmetic:—1st, Kai Yip and 2nd, Chong Lam; Drawing:—1st, Kai Yip and 2nd, Danenberg; Book-keeping:—A. R. Tavares; Stenography:—S. A. Rumjahn, (Distinction); French:—Paul Valery; Portuguese:—A. E. Tavares; Chinese:—Kai Yip (Distinction).

Senior Class:—Religious Knowledge:—1st, F. V. Ribeiro, (Bishop Pozzoni's Prize) and 2nd, Leonardo D'Almada; English:—Leonardo Xavier, (Senior Belilos Scholarship); English Literature:—1st, J. Xavier, (Sir H. N. Mod's Gold Medal) and 2nd, J. B. Vinh; Mathematics:—1st, J. B. Vinh and 2nd, Chow Fung To; Modern Languages:—J. B. Vinh, (French); and Leonardo D'Almada, (Portuguese); Chinese:—1st, Chow Fung To (Li Shek Pang's Gold Medal) and 2nd, Man Kai; History and Geography:—1st, J. B. Vinh and 2nd, S. A. M. Secher; Drawing:—1st, J. B. Vinh and 2nd, Chow Fung To.

EXAMINATIONS.

OXFORD PRELIMINARY (PASSES):—1, A. da Silva; 2, C. R. Pereira; 3, Joseph Alves; 4, Eric Jordan; 5, John Gomes; 6, Hugh Braga; 7, Wong Lam Ying; 8, José Neves; 9, Paul Hachima; 10, Tam Wing On; 11, José da Silva; 12, H. Badros; 13, C. da Silva; 14, L. Kwok Wah; 15, Victor Cruz; 16, P. Cooper; and 17, N. Shalabao.

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JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION:—1, John Go Tuen; 2, Joseph Lau Kam Wing; 3, Stanley Hall Garrod; 4, Minoru Ono; 5, Lawrence Tsan Nam Fong; 6, Anthony Augustus Gill; 7, Paul Valery; 8, Abdul Guneco Abbas; 9, Jal Restrepo Cooper; 10, Antonio Betocho; 11, Sirdar Ahmet Rumjahn, (Distinction in Stenography); 12, Antonio d'Azavedo; 13, Luko Tang Yee Yuen; 14, Andrew Tso Tak On; 15, José Eduardo Noronha; 16, Louis Ma Yun Choi; 17, Joseph Chan Kwok Leong; 18, Morio Umamoto; 19, Kai Yip Yung, (Distinction in Arithmetic, Chinese, and Biblical Knowledge); 20, Alberto Eduardo Tavares; 21, Reinado Danenberg; 22, Yng Chong Lam; 23, Arthur Richard Tavares; 24, Tang Chong Leung; 25, Fong Chun Chung; 26, Arthur de Jesus; 27, Joseph Shak Cheong On; 28, Carlos Vincente da Rosa; 29, Mario Silva; 30, Arnaldo G. Botelho; and 31, Michael Loh Kung Tso, (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge).

MATRICULATION (Honours):—1, J. B. Vinh; and 2, Chow Fung To.

MATRICULATION (PASSES):—3, G. M. Barwald; 4, Wong Chow Soi; 5, K. H. Erani; 6, S. A. M. Secher; 7, Ho Man Kai; 8, J. d'Almada; 9, F. V. Ribeiro; 10, Leung Wah Ping; and 11, L. F. M. Xavier.

SENIOR LOCAL (PASSES):—1, A. D. Rosario; 2, Anthony Ng; and 3, Frank Tse Wing Kwan.

PITMAN'S SHORTHAND EXAMINATIONS:—FIRST CLASS:—1, Sirdar Rumjahn; 2, J. Cecil Guimangam; and 3, Paul Wong.

SECOND CLASS:—1, Tong Chun Chung; 2, Yung Kai Yip; 3, Paul Wong; 4, Luke Tang Yee Yuen; 5, Lawrence Tsan Nam Fong; 6, Minoru Ono; 7, Morio Umamoto; 8, Abdul R. Azan; 9, Loung Tang Cheong; 10, Charles F. S. Pan; 11, Arthur de Jesus; 12, Stanley H. Garrod; 13, J. E. Noronha; 14, Albert Tavares; 15, Cecil J. Guimangam; 16, Joseph Kwok Leong; 17, A. G. Abbas; 18, Anthony A. Gill; and 19, Michael Loh Kung Tso.

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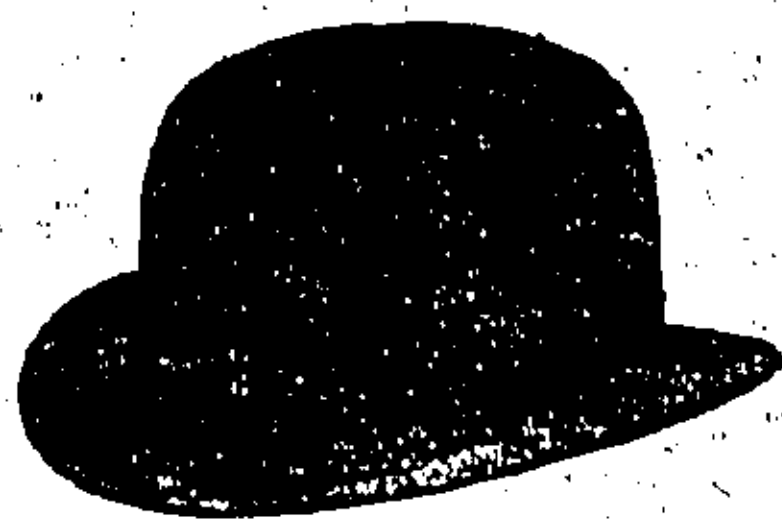
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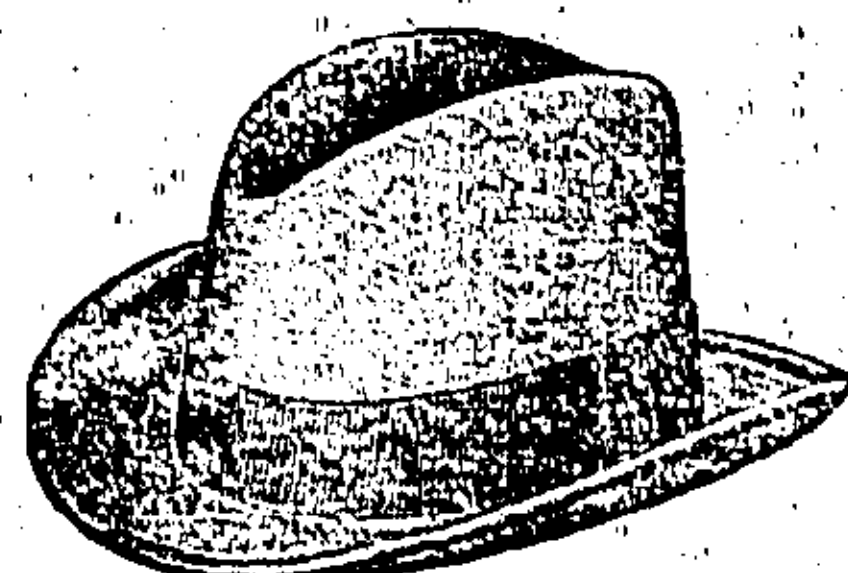
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W. LOGAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 9th, 1920. 354

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have REMOVED our Office to No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First Floor. Entrance is from Joe Hoang Street. KUHARA TRADING CO., LTD. (KUHARA SHOTI KAISHA, LTD.) Hongkong, February 9th, 1920. 355

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NOTICE.

THE Chartered Steamship "BANGKOK" will take cargo for CALCUTTA and will sail direct for above-mentioned Port on or about FEBRUARY 14th.

For further particulars, please apply to—
R. RODENFUSSE, Acting Agent, Messageries Maritimes Co., Queen's Building. Hongkong, February 9th, 1920. 357

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "CYCLOPS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at the consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after Feb. 9th.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after Feb. 18th, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before Feb. 23rd, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, February 7th, 1920. [350]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SCANDINAVIA.

THE Motorship "CHILE"

having arrived from the above ports on the 10th February, 1920, consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon To-day.

Goods not cleared by Feb. 17th, 1920, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Feb. 16th, 1920, at 10 a.m.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Messrs. THORSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 10th, 1920. [351]

THE NORWEGIAN AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA LINE.

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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1920.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

FEBRUARY 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND AND ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited, or at the Gate. Price \$15 or \$4 for each day for the Meeting.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, February 7th, 1920. [371]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Races Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, February 7th, 1920. [372]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to the death of Mr. B. D. KAPTEYN the undersigned Ponies entered in his name to run at the Forthcoming Race Meeting have been, sold by Public Auction and will run in the interest and colours of the purchasers as follows:

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"Black Yellow Hoops & Cap"
Spotted Band Mr. SOARES
"Old Gold, Dark Green Hoops"
Banaway Light Mr. T. F. HOUGH
"Dark Blue, Primrose Hoops"
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, February 8th, 1920. 373

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of EXCHANGE BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 12th, and 13th, at 11.15 a.m. Hongkong, February 7th, 1920. 377

LOST.

LOST from No. 18, Shelly Street, BULL TERRIER BITCH. Answers name of Molly. Finder will be rewarded returning same. 360

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INTIMATIONS

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDREDTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), FEB. 10th, 1920, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from January 27th to February 10th, 1920, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary. Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. 241

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from February 11th, to February 21st, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, February 2nd, 1920. [347]

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

CERTIFICATES Nos. 1845 and 2635 for 2 and 1 old silver shares Nos. 10549/10550 and 10128 respectively standing in the books of the Society in the name of EDWARD WILLIAM MATTIAND of YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming the same will be deemed cancelled and of no effect.

C. H. P. HAY, Deputy General Manager. Hongkong, January 13th, 1920. [327]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held at 5.15 P.M. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1920, in the Rooms of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB 15, Chater Road.

Business:—
To receive the Committee's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
To elect a new Committee for the ensuing year.
Any other business that may arise.

H. B. L. DOWBIGGIN, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, February 7th, 1920. 378

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

RESIDENT:—His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.M.C., Governor.
CHAIRMAN:—His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice.

THIRD TOURNAMENT.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1920, at 9.15 P.M.

- 1-20 ROUND FIGHT FOR THE WELTER-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY, AND THE MOUNTED POLICE RESERVE BELT: Between Sergt. "Sky" Kerrison, R.N.Y.P. (Holder), and Stoker Eddie Walters, H.M.S. "Hawkins" (Challenger).
 - 2-15 ROUND FIGHT FOR THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY, AND THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" BELT: Between Pte. J. H. Mason, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. "Hawkins", and C.E.R.A. Lee, H.M.S. "Ambrose".
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 - 4-6 ROUND MIDDLEWEIGHT FIGHT: Between E. R. A. Sergeant, H.M.S. "Ambrose", and Seaman Willoughby, H.M.S. "Hawkins".
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BIRTHS.

CROOK.—At the Government Civil Hospital, on February 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crook, a son. [383]

DORRANCE.—At Shanghai, on January 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dorrance, a son.

KELCHOFFER.—At Shanghai, on February 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelchoffer, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BERRY.—Courtney, At Clapham, London, S.W., on January 3rd, Lieut. BERNARD KILMER BERRY, R.N.R., to MARY FRANCES, elder daughter of Captain Michael Courtney, and late Mrs. Courtney, Hongkong.

DEATHS.

JOHNSTON.—At Hankow, on February 2nd, ROBERT WANNOP JOHNSTON, aged 48 years, Manager of British Cigarette Company, Limited's factory at Hankow. (Formerly resident in Shanghai).

STANDLEY.—At Shanghai, on February 2nd, ALICE MARGARET, the beloved wife of William A. Standley, aged 60 years.

STUART-MURRAY.—At Shanghai, on Feb. 4th, DONALD JOHN STUART-MURRAY, aged 33 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 10th, 1920.

CHINA'S IMPECUNIOSITY.

Our Peking Correspondent yesterday furnished us in a cable with the conditions on which the Consortium is prepared to respond to the Chinese Government's fearful appeal for a further advance of five million pounds sterling, or its equivalent. The New Year is at hand, and funds are very urgently needed, especially to meet the arrears of pay due to the troops, who threaten to create grave disorders if they are not paid forthwith; and in that event, of course, there is danger of the collapse of the Government. Such is the nature of the appeal. The danger is doubtless real, but everybody knows that a corrupt administration is responsible for these situations. Consequently there is a growing reluctance to lend any more money to China. Mr. BRUCE BAXTER, writing in the N.C. Daily News on the subject, pertinently remarks: "We daily hear of this official, and that official being worth five, ten, or even twenty millions. We have often heard of the organization of banks and companies in which officials have subscribed to the amount of many

millions. Where do they get this money? Have the Powers ever thought of inquiring from the Government as to the reason why Chinese officials can become so wealthy, when the Government seems to be so poor? The time has certainly arrived when foreign governments should take a little interest in the financial condition of China, for loans, hundreds and thousands of loans, will never put the finances of this country straight. The more that we lend, the poorer becomes China, and the richer the Chinese officials." Why is the Government at Peking unable to raise from these wealthy officials such a comparatively small amount as the equivalent of five million pounds sterling? The reason is obvious, and we imagine that in the commercial circles of China the conditions which the Powers propose to attach to any further advance to the Peking Government will command as much approval as it will among foreigners generally. After providing for the necessary security for the advance, it is insisted that the Government shall begin the disbandment of unnecessary troops, both on the Northern and Southern sides, and what is more to the point, the Governments representing the Banking Groups shall effectively supervise the application of the proceeds of the loan and the disbandment of unnecessary troops. In other words, the Powers tell the Chinese Government that past experience has given them no confidence in the competence or honesty of the administration. The attitude which the Powers are taking up over the matter of this loan is more calculated to make for peace, progress and reform than any other measures. They not only insist on a resumption of negotiations between the North and the South, but propose to themselves supervise the disbandment of unnecessary troops whose maintenance is one of the chief sources of China's present woes. If the Government at Peking is sincere in its desire to rid the country of this incubus, it will be only too glad to welcome this co-operation of the Foreign Powers in the task; but, so far, there is no word that the conditions have been accepted.

Wiseman's, Ltd., are having another Tea Dance to-day.

The exchange value of the dollar, on demand, yesterday was 6s. 0½d.

One case (one death) of cerebro-spinal fever was reported in the Colony on Saturday.

Members of the Anglo-American Club at Peking gave a farewell dinner to H.E. Sir John Jordan last week.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, of the Hongkong Civil Service, returned to the Colony yesterday after a holiday at Home.

Commander C. P. Talbot, D.S.O., of the Sixth Submarine Flotilla, China Station, has been promoted Captain.

Mr. A. G. Stephen came down from Shanghai by the P. & O. s.s. *Somali*, and is staying in Hongkong for a few days.

Mr. W. Holt, Director of the Blue Funnel line, Mrs. and Miss Holt arrived in Hongkong yesterday on the P. & O. *Kashmir*.

According to an American correspondent, the coming year is to be marked by an invasion of the East by commercial men from all parts of the world.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 24th amounted to 97,267 tons, and the sales to 79,015 tons.

A motor transport company has been formed at Hankow with a capital of Tls. 47,000. A fleet of motor trucks is expected to be in operation within six months.

A London contemporary says:—The firm of Arnold Karberg & Co. some time since assimilated its London title to that of the China house, and is Arnold Bros. & Co., Ltd.

Sir Laurence Guillemard, the new Governor of the Straits Settlements, and Lady Guillemard, travelled to Singapore on the P. & O. s.s. *Nashua*, which arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Mrs. N. J. Stabb gave a most enjoyable dance at the Kingsclere last night. There was a large attendance, and dancing was kept up with great animation till early this morning.

The *Colombo*, *Magnolia*, *Hollyhock*, *Foggylove*, *Bluebell*, *Cricketer*, *Moth*, *Mantia*, *Cockshaver*, and *Oicela* were to assemble at Plymouth on or about Jan. 15th, and to proceed to China Station, weather permitting.

The China and Japan Trading Co., which in the old days succeeded the firm W. H. Fogg & Co. in the Far East, and long known under that title, recently changed its designation to the China, Japan and South America Trading Co., Ltd.

Mr. F. A. Larson, the District manager of Anderson, Meyer & Co., Ltd., Mongolia, has been created "Advisory Duke of the First Rank of the Mongolian People" by the Living Buddha on the last day of his regentship as Emperor of Outer Mongolia.

An honorary decoration has recently been issued by the Ministry of Communications to Mr. P. T. Carey of the China Electric Company, Ltd., Peking, for his services in the Government Colleges of Posts and Telegraphs as instructor in telephone engineering. Prior to this only four other decorations of the kind had been issued.

The influenza epidemic is steadily on the increase in Japan and, according to the latest police returns, the number of cases in Tokyo, since the beginning of January numbers 359,000, including no less than 21,000 fresh cases discovered on January 21st. The number of deaths on January 21st for Tokyo amounted to 281, making a total of 3,553 deaths in 21 days.

Mr. Antonio, L. C. Castro, Portuguese Consul-General in Kobe, has appointed Portuguese Consul in Hongkong. As soon as his successor arrives Mr. Castro will leave for Hongkong with his family. During his stay Mr. Castro has done a great deal to promote the general welfare of the Portuguese community and his departure is regretted by his countrymen, says the *Japan Advertiser*.

The name of Dent has been associated with Canton from the early days of foreign intercourse and the death of Mr. Herbert Fullerton Dent at Shanghai last week at 73 years of age, severs a very old link with the port, for he came out to Canton in 1871. He was interred on Saturday at Macao. Mr. Dent was head of the firm of Messrs. Herbert Dent & Co., of London, Lyons, Canton and Macao. A son is on the way out from England.

An interesting incident in connection with the Korean agitation is reported in the Japanese Press. The Korean Vice-Foreign Minister of the "Provisional Government of Chosen" received in Shanghai an invitation to visit Japan, the assurance being given that he would be "free from danger of arrest." He went to Tokio, interviewed several Ministers, and is said to have returned to Shanghai with new views and a changed attitude towards Japan.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co. contemplates at Manila the construction of a pier for its exclusive use, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the insular Government. The Secretary of Commerce and Communications has announced that the pier will cost from five to six million pesos, and it is contemplated that the pier will revert to the Government at the end of 25 years, although the Company is seeking to get the time extended to 50 years.

The Ministry of the Chinese Navy has promulgated regulations "for the encouragement" of mine destruction by Chinese vessels. Every Chinese vessel which, on observing a mine at sea, destroys it, becomes entitled to an award of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100. Vessels which observe mines, but are unable to destroy them must not proceed to save such mines without authority but must mark their position and report it to the Naval Authorities. On report being made the Naval Authority, when satisfied of the correctness of the report, will issue an award of not less than \$20 and not more than \$50. When a stranded mine which is seen for the first time is immediately reported, the person making the report will receive an award of \$10.

Referring to the appointment of Dr. Solf as German Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Hosuke Nagase, of the Japanese General Staff, says: "When the Bethmann-Hollweg Cabinet fell in July, 1917, a new Ministry was formed by the Socialists and Republicans, of which Dr. Michaelis was made Premier and Dr. Solf Minister of the Colonies. The tenure of office of Dr. Michaelis was very short and he was followed by Herr Hertling as Premier. Dr. Solf, however, retained his post as Minister of the Colonies in the new Cabinet. When Prince Max of Baden was afterwards appointed to assume the reins of the country, Dr. Solf was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs while retaining his old post as Minister of the Colonies. Dr. Solf retained the same post under the Thrun administration that followed, but he had to retire from the Cabinet when Herr Schiedemann came into power. Dr. Solf is well-known for his erudite scholarship, being well-versed in Sanskrit."

CABLES.

EARLIER CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER

HOLLAND MUST RECONSIDER HER DECISION.

PARIS, February 4th.

The newspapers state that the draft of the new Allied Note to Holland in regard to the extradition of the ex-Kaiser is energetic in tone.

It refutes all Holland's arguments in regard to procedure and legal formulae and requests Holland to reconsider her decision.

It refutes all Holland's arguments in regard to procedure and legal formulae—course of justice.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

LONDON, February 9th.

Sir Auckland Geddes, speaking at Dover, said that the Government intended to get the Kaiser out of Holland and put him on trial, and whatever penalty were allotted to him it would be carried out, but if, on the basis of international law, Holland definitely said "No," and that she intended to provide an asylum for him within her territory, then we must say that he could not live on Dutch territory in Europe, and she will have to put him on some island belonging to her outside Europe.

ALLIED GOVERNMENTS APPROVAL NECESSARY.

PARIS, February 10th.

Le Petit Journal states that the Council of Ambassadors has drafted a fresh letter in energetic terms demanding the extradition of the Kaiser. The letter will be presented to Holland after the Governments of the Allies have signified their approval.

PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS.

BARON VON LERSNER'S AMAZING ACTION.

PARIS, February 4th.

Baron von Lersner, the acting head of the German Delegation, has resigned, having refused to transmit the Allied list of wanted war criminals for extradition.

GREAT BRITAIN CLAIMING 112 CRIMINALS.

LONDON, February 4th.

According to L'Intransigeant, Great Britain is claiming 112 German war criminals.

BARON VON LERSNER RETIRES.

BERLIN, February 4th.

Baron von Lersner's refusal of the Allied list was contrary to instructions. His request to retire from the Imperial service was immediately accepted.

LIST REACHES BERLIN.

COPENHAGEN, February 4th.

A message from Berlin shows that despite Baron von Lersner's action, the Allied list, with the covering note, has reached the Foreign Office and will be published to-morrow. The Cabinet is considering it to-night.

NEW NOTE DRAFTED.

PARIS, February 4th.

The reply to Baron von Lersner's note has been drafted. It will be approved by the Council of Ambassadors this evening.

It is understood that the British Charge d'Affaires in Berlin will be instructed to present the Note and the list direct to the German Government.

While the best informed circles consider that Baron von Lersner's action is entirely personal, it appears highly probable that he, prior to receipt of the Allied demand, consulted Berlin in regard to the attitude he should adopt.

A TEST OF STRENGTH!

Some French circles are of the opinion that Germany is making the question a test of strength, and grave importance is attached to the incident.

CZECHO-SLOVAKS FROM SIBERIA.

FIRST REGIMENT ARRIVES AT PRAGUE.

PRAGUE, February 4th.

The first Czecho-Slovak regiment from Siberia has arrived. It met with an enthusiastic reception.

THE WARJON BOLSHEVISM.

BIG VICTORY FOR THE VOLUNTEER ARMY.

ARHANGEL, February 5th.

A wireless from Odessa, dated February 4th, reports a recent great victory for the Volunteer Army.

The Red Cavalry, which is a Bolshevik corps *de l'élite*, after the capture of Rostoff and Novotcherkassk, attempted to force the passage of the Don, but was thrown back in confusion, losing 80 guns, 150 machine-guns, and 8,000 men.

In another sector of Denikin's front, the Reds lost 13 guns and 1,500 men.

FALSE REPORT REGARDING ODESSA.

LONDON, February 4th.

Reuter learns that as a result of forced marches the Bolsheviks are established upon a line thirty versts westward of Nikolaiev.

It is now clear that the Ukrainian claim of the capture of Odessa is untrue, but the proximity of the Reds thereto is most serious.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CHANGE OF ATTITUDE.

ARHANGEL, February 6th.

An extraordinary change of attitude is reflected in the speeches of M. Lenin and M. Trotsky are stated to have delivered at the Soviet Conference in Moscow on the question of national economy, and published in an official statement here.

M. Lenin emphasised the necessity of substituting autocracy for associated power in the organisation of a Government and industry, as already carried out in the army. He described this as an evolutionary measure, and said that success lay in the autocracy of the Communist leaders and in the Communist domination of the people.

M. Trotsky said that the only means of strengthening the Soviet's power was to assemble the workmen at the factories and send them from place to place on the Government's instructions. The peasants should be turned into Labour Corps under military discipline. The armies would requisition the peasants' meat, wheat and fish in order to assure the labourers' work.

AMERICAN BOLSHEVISTS.

TO BE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

CHICAGO, February 2nd.

A Special Grand Jury which was investigating Extremist activities, has returned indictments against 37 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, including Mr. W. D. Haywood, ex-Secretary, and Mr. Thomas Whitehead, Secretary of the I.W.W.

All will be charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Government forcibly.

LONDON TO THE CAPE.

THE FLIGHT OF THE VICKERS-VIMY.

LONDON, February 4th.

The Times announces that the Vickers-Vimy, which arrived at Cairo en route to the Cape, is being sent thither by Lord Northcliffe in order to show whether Africa can be crossed easily and safely by aircraft.

The flight will also provide a special opportunity for scientific exploration by Mr. Chalmers Mitchell, the Secretary of the Zoological Society, who is a passenger.

SOUTH AFRICAN ATTEMPT.

LONDON, February 4th.

A South African Government machine named "Silver Queen" piloted by South African officers, left Brooklands this morning in an attempt to fly to the Cape via Cairo.

AIRCO MACHINE STARTS ON THE JOURNEY.

LONDON, February 4th.

The Airco Company's aeroplane No. 14 started this afternoon for the Cape. The pilot, Captain Cotton, and Lieutenant Townsend, are both Australians.

THE BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

LABOUR COMMITTEE'S ADVICE CAST ASIDE.

BOMBAY, January 29th.

A meeting of 20,000 cotton mill operatives has decided not to resume work despite the advice of the Labour Settlement Committee.

ENTERS A NEW AND SERIOUS PHASE.

BOMBAY, January 27th.

The mill strike has entered on a new and more serious phase.

There is evidence that the bulk of operatives would gladly accept the liberal conditions promised by the mill-owners at the solicitation of the Governor, but when work was resumed at seven mills this morning, gangs of rowdies terrorised the men into leaving. They stoned a military picket, compelling it to fire, one striker being injured.

The result is that the whole industry is still idle, and as there is not a livelihood of the mill-owners after their terms, possibly the strike will be protracted.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RECEPTION FOR JAPANESE ADMIRAL.

NAPLES, February 2nd.

Admiral del Buono, Commanding the Naval Department, is making arrangements for greeting the Japanese warships. He will give a reception in honour of Admiral Horiache. Another reception will be given aboard the battleship *Andrea Doria*, the flagship of Admiral Solari, Commanding the Squadron in the Near East.

It is expected that Admiral Horiache will go to Rome to visit the King, together with his staff. He will also visit Signor Nitti, the Minister of Navy.

ROME TO TOKIO FLIGHT.

ROME, February 9th.

A 450 horse-power Caproni biplane, piloted by Lieuts. Negrini and Orisi, has departed on the Rome-Tokio flight, and has arrived at Gioia del Colle, which is the first stage.

DR. SOLF'S APPOINTMENT.

BERLIN, February 9th.

The *Zweifelsblatt* learns that Japan has intimated that the ex-Colonial Secretary Dr. Solf is not a *persona grata* as the Germans' representative in Tokio.

WOLFRAM IN SOUTH CHINA.

LONDON, February 9th.

The Engineering Correspondent of the newspaper *Financial* says that the wolfram fields in South China are evidently very extensive and productive. It would appear that South China with her huge resources of cheap labour will shortly hold the key of the wolfram position.

JAPAN'S AIM IN SIBERIA.

LONDON, February 9th.

The Times' Tokio correspondent, in an interview with the Minister of War, learned that Japan's aim in Siberia was to evacuate the Czechs. Japan's whole attention was devoted to the problem of transporting Czechs to the East, and in the work of transport Japan would not tolerate opposition from any source whatever. The Minister declared it was unthinkable for the Japanese to withdraw from Siberia until the Czechs had evacuated.

THE SHIP OF MISERY.

TRIESTE, February 9th.

The Lloyd steamer *Nippon* has arrived from the Far East, having aboard 470 Italians from provinces formerly belonging to Austria who were prisoners in Siberia. Among them there are 8 lunatics, 35 consumptive patients, 31 have not yet recovered from their wounds, and 314 are ill. Most of the remainder are affected by rheumatism.

AERONAUTICAL ADVISER TO CHINA.

LONDON, February 9th.

Colonel E. V. Holt, D.S.O., who has been appointed Aeronautical Adviser to the Chinese Government, departs shortly.

CZECHS INCAPABLE OF PLOTTING.

PARIS, February 2nd.

General Gaida, in an interview, declared that Admiral Koltchak was arrested only by the Russian Revolutionary forces. The Allies requested the Czechs to fight in order to secure the release of Koltchak, but the Czechs refused, as they had already suffered heavy losses.

General Gaida stated that the new Government at Irkutsk consisted of Moderate but Progressive politicians, and emphatically asserted that the Czechs were incapable of intriguing with the Bolsheviks.

ECHO OF RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

LONDON, February 2nd.

An official statement issued by the Admiralty says von Tirpitz's recently published Memoirs state, wholly contrary to fact, that British naval officers attached to Admiral Togo's staff in the Russo-Japanese War took an active and important part in the decisions of the Japanese Command in action.

As the allegation is a reflection on the professional reputation of a most distinguished Japanese Admiral, the foreign Secretary, at the Admiralty's request, has informed the Japanese Ambassador that it has the Government's unqualified contradiction.

LATEST NEWS FROM VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, February 4th.

Latest British news from Vladivostock, dated January 31st, shows that the revolutionary occupation was peaceful. Some Military Missions are westward of Vladivostock, and it is not anticipated that the Revolutionaries will interfere therewith.

STATE OF SIEGE IN VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, February 9th.

The Times' Vladivostock correspondent, writing on January 28th, says: "A state of siege has been proclaimed here. The Japanese are guarding the State Bank at which a daring theft of several million roubles was effected yesterday."

It is reported that large Japanese reinforcements are coming. Diplomatic representatives are concerting measures for the protection of the lives and property of foreigners who constitute 60 per cent of the population, including 40,000 Chinese and 4,000 Japanese.

NAVAL TROPHIES WANTED.

LONDON, February 2nd.

The Admiralty is appealing for information of the whereabouts of eight Naval Cups or trophies given for competition among the ships of the China Station which have disappeared—namely:

- 1.—Weihsai Challenge Cup. (Sailed whalers, engine-room ratings).
- 2.—Dorward Challenge Cup. (Rifle teams).
- 3.—R. N. Canton Regatta Challenge Cup. (For lower deck ratings).
- 4.—Small Ships' Football League Challenge Cup. (Ships with complements of under 300).
- 5.—Griffith Challenge Cup. (Rifle teams from West River gunboats).
- 6.—Hongkong Football Challenge Shield. (Teams from ships garrison, etc., at Hongkong).
- 7.—Weihsai Football Challenge Shield. (Teams from ships and the Island Guard at Weihsai).
- 8.—Fox Challenge Clock. (Tug-of-war teams from West River gunboats).

Any ship or depot having any of these is requested to forward them to the S.N.O., Portsmouth, who has been asked to forward them to Hongkong at the first convenient opportunity, and any officer able to give information in regard to the whereabouts of any of them is requested to communicate with the Flag Captain, c/o the Commander-in-Chief, China Station.

AVIATION IN HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce forwards us the attached telegrams relating to the promotion of aviation in Hongkong and Shanghai:

SHANGHAI, February 6th.

TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI AERO CLUB GREETS WITH SATISFACTION DECISION ORGANISE AERO CLUB HONGKONG. CONGRATULATIONS.

HONGKONG, February 9th.

SHANGHAI AERO CLUB, SHANGHAI.

THANKS CONGRATULATIONS RECIPIENTED.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

BRITISH-CHINA TRADE BUREAU.

The British-China Trade Bureau (Publicly Bureau for South China) has been transferred to the Federation of British Industries. Mr. C. Montagu Ede, general manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, is responsible for inducing the Federation to assume the direction of the bureau in this country.

The bureau was an organisation set on foot to provide an essential link between the home manufacturer and the distributing merchant in China. The bureau established its own organisation throughout the four provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, and Kweichow, with the result that it exercises a controlling influence over nearly 100 newspapers published in the vernacular. It proposes to introduce British manufacturers at home to British merchants in China, or vice versa. The direction of the bureau's activities in London will be under the superintendence of Mr. Mobden, formerly of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., and more recently of the Board of Trade.

—London and China Express.

BENEFITS OF RICE SHORTAGE.

The Canton Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Marshall Philip, in the course of an interview expressed the view that the rice shortage had had a beneficial effect on the public health. The people of

Colombo, he thought, ate far too much, and they were subject to the ill that over feeding led to. Short rations had removed the cause of those ill. The result had been that since rationing was introduced the death rate had been quite low, except for an entirely abnormal mortality from enteric.

THE KENNEDY TOWN FIRE.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY YESTERDAY.

POLICE INSPECTOR COMMANDED BY THE MAGISTRATE.

At the Magistrate's, yesterday, Mr. J. R. Wood, in his capacity as Coroner, held an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese woman named Leung Fook—one of the 53 persons who died as a result of the disastrous fire at Kennedy Town on the morning of February 4th.

Dr. Scott, the doctor in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, deposed to have found, after examining the body, that death was due to suffocation.

Mr. Walter Prince of the P.W.D. said that he visited the premises in question on February 4th, and prepared a plan of the building from the records in his office.

Inspector Macdonald said that at 11.40 p.m. on February 3rd, he was in his station when he received a telephone message about a fire in Belchers' Street. He rang the fire alarm and proceeded to the scene. There he found the first and second floors of the building on fire.

Witnesses tried to save some of the people. There was one stairway serving both Nos. 23 and 27. He could not go up these stairs, but went up the stairway serving Nos. 23 and 29. He got everyone out of Nos. 23 and 29. He then came down to the street and was informed that there was a dead body at No. 32a.

He went to the stairs and found the dead body of a man. He then went to the first floor and found a large number of people on the landing, pushing and falling over each other; the stairs were also full of luggage and some bars of rice. The fire up to then had not passed No. 27. Witness sent for assistance, and sent word to the C.S.P. to get medical aid. He had as many people removed as possible.

Most of them were dead—15 adults and 23 children. Ten injured persons were sent to the Hospital; eight of them died on the way. Witness stopped the panic. All the bodies had been removed before the fire reached No. 32a. The fire eventually burnt down the whole block.

Tai Tung, occupier of No. 32a, Praya, Kennedy Town, said he lived in a cubicle on the second floor with his wife and two children. At 11.30 p.m. he was awakened on hearing a commotion, and went to the landing to see what was the matter. He then woke up his eldest daughter and asked her to carry her younger sister on her back and go out on to the street. He went with them, by the stairs in No. 32, and then returned to call his wife out. When he and his wife were coming down the stairs were crowded. He did not see his wife fall out, as she was some distance away from him. The Police dragged him out, and he looked in vain for his wife. Next morning he identified his wife's body.

Gulab Shah, a watchman, said that the fire started in No. 26, on the side street. The smoke was issuing from four or five windows on the front. He blew his whistle and shouted to the people to get out.

Au Yim Sang, the accountant of the South China Commercial Trading Co., said that his Company rented No. 26, where the fire started. They stored sundry goods of all kinds—mineral ore, matting, human hair, bristles, rice paper from Japan, seaweed, tallow in bricks for making soap. On the day of the fire the godown was not opened.

Witness could not explain the cause of the fire. Lights could be thrown in between the bars on top of the doors. There were a few panes of glass broken in the rear of the building. No one slept on the premises. The value of the goods in the godown on that night was estimated at about \$30,000.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned. The jurors endorsed the commendation of the Magistrate that Inspector Macdonald had done his best to avert a worse disaster.

"WHITE CALIFORNIA."

JAPANESE SHOULD EMIGRATE ELSEWHERE.

New York, January 20th.

Senator Phelan, of California, says: "It is gratifying that the Japanese Government has stopped the practice of 'picture brides' but there are other things which require rectification. Until these things are set right and White California becomes an accomplished fact we must continue the anti-Japanese agitation."

If Japan refrains from sending her immigrants to America she should be allowed to find an outlet for her surplus population in Asia for the protection of America.

"Japan should encourage her people to immigrate to countries other than America as this would be a most effective way of keeping up the friendly relations between Japan and America. So long as Japanese continue to concentrate on the Pacific coast of America, so long it will give cause for excitement in American public opinion and Japan's actions in China and Korea will be denounced. The only guarantee of friendship between Japan and America will be a change in the immigration policy of Japan."

"War between the two countries will not occur unless there is an incident that will cause extraordinary national indignation."

"America welcomes such classes of Japanese visitors to America as scholars and students, but the incessant streaming in of Japanese workers, who can hardly assimilate with the white people, tends to lower the moral standards of the Americans which they are very anxious to maintain for their existence."—*Taisho Nichi Ni*.

CANTON'S NEW ROAD.

IN PLACE OF THE OLD CITY WALL.

The following particulars regarding the demolition of the old city wall in Canton are given in the *Far Eastern Review*:

A little over a year ago the Canton Municipal authorities began work upon the improvement of the city by tackling the demolition of the city wall. Mr. H. L. Wu, C.E., was in charge and began operations upon the western section of the old wall, built about 800 years ago. This was demolished and the work in the remainder of the wall was let out from time to time to different contractors by open tender. Most of the wall is by this time torn down, and in a few more months it should be entirely replaced by a well-made modern road. By the end of June last two miles of the wall had already made way for a macadamised road, and since then more has been added.

The entire length of the wall, including the old section, built some 800 years ago, and the so-called new city wall, built some 500 years ago, is about six miles. The average height of the former is 24 feet, with a width of 23 feet at the bottom and 35 feet at the top; while the latter is about 15 feet high, and 17 feet wide at the bottom and 18 feet at the top. The total earth which had to be disposed of was some 792,700 cubic yards, and has been shifted from the site mostly on small boats plying on the numerous small waterways about the city. With the exception of the new city wall section all the usual material such as bricks and stones removed from the wall were returned to the Municipality by the various contractors.

A difficulty which faced the engineers when they came to arrange for the demolition of the wall and construct a roadway in its place was the great difference in levels of the land within and without the wall. On one side houses were found to be two or three feet below the street level while on the opposite side of the same road they were four or five feet above the street. In many places in the north-western section the ground level inside the city wall is as much as from 15 to 25 feet above that on the outside. This necessitated the demolition of the wall to a general level of the inside ground, and the raising of steps at intervals to communicate with the lower levels on the outside.

When it was decided to replace the wall with a modern roadway the Municipal authorities determined to make the road a wide one at once, and despite the existence of houses fixed the measurement at from 80 to 100 feet. This meant that more than 3,500 houses had to be condemned. As a tramway system may eventually be installed all the street corners were widened with at least 30 feet radii, while existing bridges and culverts had to be replaced by structures of new design to carry the expected heavier traffic.

The cost of the work per linear foot, including transportation, excavation, and some retaining walls, varies. On the old wall it ranged from \$7.45 to \$22, and on the so-called new city wall from \$2.25 to \$4.45. The total cost of the entire work is estimated to be \$350,735. It is interesting to point out that despite deplorable existing conditions the authorities were able to carry out the improvement without danger of forcible public opposition because it was early discovered that with the improvements land values rose by leaps and bounds, and lots of Government land hitherto almost valueless have been sold for more than half a million dollars.

PROFITEERING.

THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S RICE TRANSACTION.

SINGAPORE'S LOSS—"ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH."

The decision of the Indian Government to profiteer, not gently and mildly but to the full extent of its power, has come as a shock to more folk who are all in the lovely island of Ceylon, says the *Straits Times*, which goes on to say: "We have heard of it in Singapore, and have hastily calculated how long it will take to transfer all our cherished balances to Simla, and the rapidity of the process has a tendency to make one's hair stand on end. From what we can gather, the loss at present on Government rice transactions is about three million dollars per month, in spite of the retail price to \$1 per gantang. From all the information we can obtain there is no scarcity either in Burma or in India. Nature's law of compensation has operated as usual, and the failure of the Siam crop is made good by abundance in Burma and the Indian area. Quite naturally, Siam is selling to the highest bidder. The French Government is in no sense responsible for the feeding of the populations of Malaya, Java, Sumatra, and Ceylon. They must look after themselves. But we had hoped that the Government of India would take a different view in regard to exclusively British possessions. It has commanded the Burma area, paying the cultivators a very moderate price, and it is selling to Ceylon, and we imagine to Malaya, also, though such things are made less public here, at a profit, according to the *Times* of 'London,' of well over 100 per cent. It is a brutal and a selfish, and we would add, a disgraceful, decision. Government must leave trade alone but if it intervenes, it must do so in the highest sense to prevent abuse of the power conferred by accident of circumstances."

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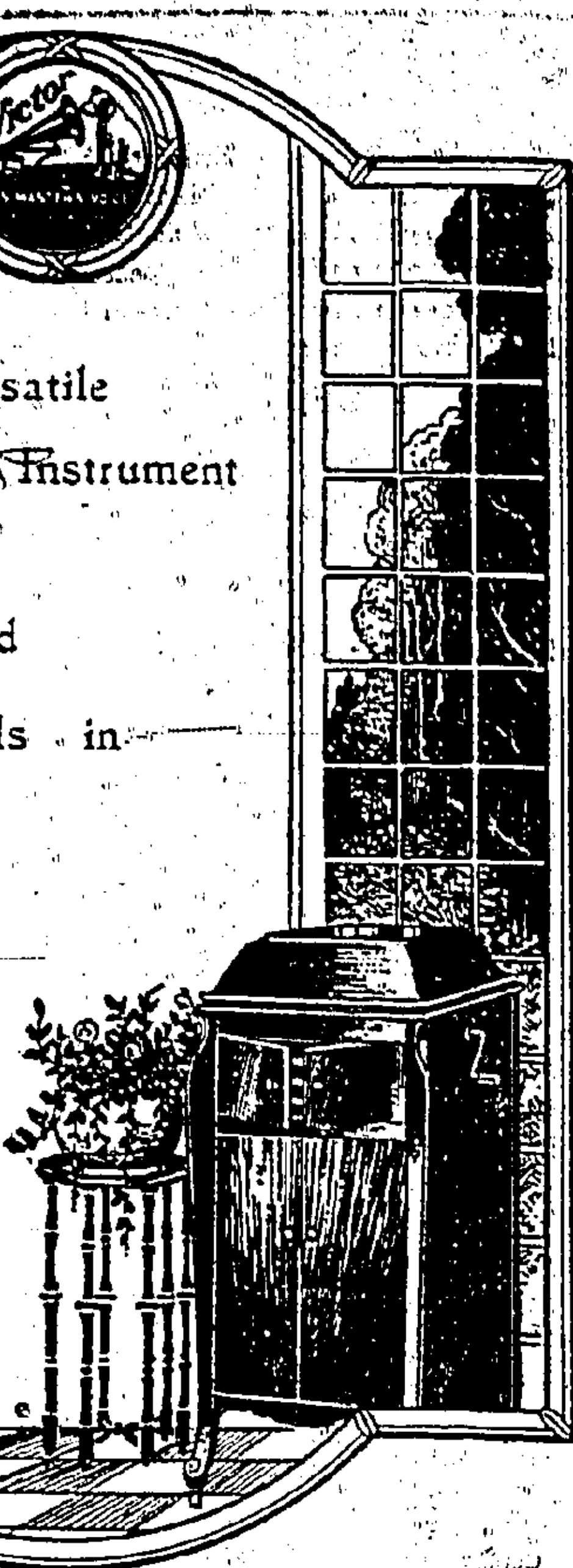
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boards, Dinner Waggon, Extension Din-
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vices, Crockery and Glass Ware, Cooking
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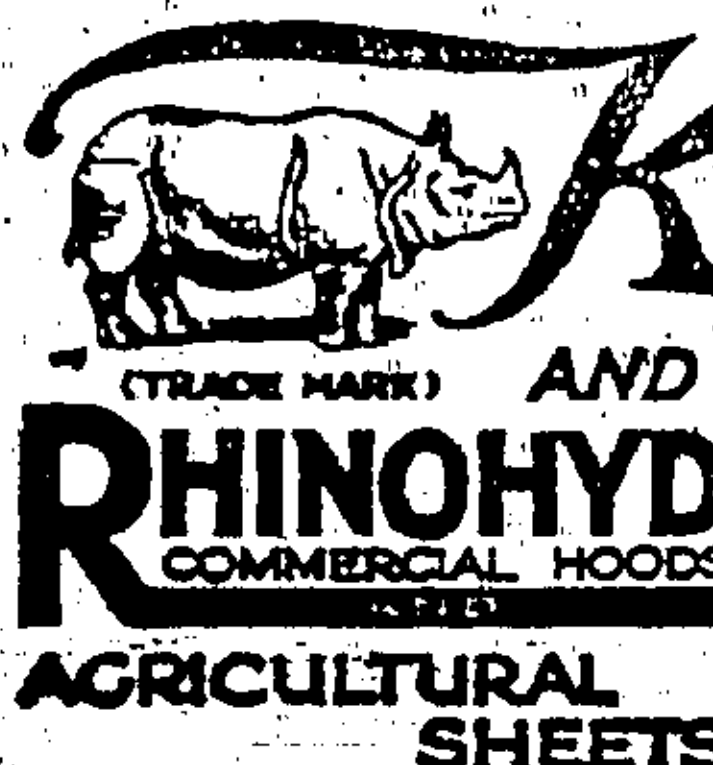
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Fountain, opposite the City Hall.
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GREAT EASTERN HOTEL.
MANAGER FINED.ALLOWING PREMISES TO BE USED
FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES.At the Magistracy, yesterday, be-
fore Mr. N. L. Smith, the hearing was
concluded of the case in which the
manager of the Great Eastern Hotel
was charged with allowing his premises
to be used for immoral purposes.Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Mr.
H. L. Denny) appeared for the defence.The case for the prosecution was that
certain Europeans engaged rooms at the
hotel on different dates and stayed there
with a Chinese girl, a prostitute who is
now undergoing a term of one month's
imprisonment for soliciting. Their al-
legation was that the management had
guilty knowledge.Mr. Potter, for the defence, said that
it had not been proved that the defendant
had guilty knowledge. The prosecution
witnesses went so far as to state that they
had not seen the defendant at the time
the room was engaged. The girl had not
seen him, nor had any of the other wit-
nesses. Whether the manager had been
negligent was another matter. The
only point the Crown had proved was
knowledge of the room-boy. Assum-
ing that the boy knew that the woman
was a prostitute and had come there for
an immoral purpose, that in itself was
not sufficient to prove that the defendant
had guilty knowledge.Mr. Smith suggested that the room-boy
might have had delegated authority.Mr. Potter replied that there was no
evidence of that at all.Mr. Smith: There is no evidence as
to how a room is engaged at a hotel. You
walk in, sign your name and pay.Mr. Potter replied that they could not
judge a Chinese hotel from the same point
of view as a European. The Magistrate
would hear that, far from the room-boy
having any authority for permitting a
room to be used for the purpose, he had
definite instructions not to allow rooms
to be given for immoral purposes. The
case was one of extreme gravity as far
as the defendant was concerned by
reason of the maximum penalty being a
fine of \$1,000 or six months' imprison-
ment. There was also the danger, if the
man was found guilty, of the hotel
licence being jeopardised. When he told
the Magistrate that the capital sunk in
the hotel was over \$100,000, which had
been actually expended, the Magistrate
would realise that it was a very serious
matter indeed, and it would show the
Magistrate whether the defendant was going
to permit the improper use of his pre-
mises for a paltry sum of \$3.75.After hearing defendant's evidence,
which was a complete denial of either
knowing the woman, or having guilty
knowledge, the Magistrate found that the
premises were used for immoral purposes
and that the room-boy had a certain
amount of delegated authority. In his
opinion the manager had not taken proper
precautions. He fined defendant
\$100.HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.
AMMUNITION SMUGGLING.A Chinese was charged before Mr. N.
L. Smith, yesterday, with being in un-
lawful possession of two daggers, parts
of a revolver and several hundred rounds
of ammunition.Defendant stated that he had only
lately arrived from America. His brother
was dead and, he brought his brother's
effects to take to his brother's widow in
the country. He was unaware that the
boxes contained contraband.The police said the contraband was
concealed in a box specially made with
a secret compartment.

Mr. Smith fined defendant \$250.

COUNTERFEIT COINS.

A Chinese was charged with being in
unlawful possession of 761 counterfeit
ten-cent pieces, Hongkong currency, 107
twenty-cent pieces and 23 ten-cent pieces
Chinese currency.Defendant's excuse was that a man
engaged him to carry the bag, promising
him \$50.Mr. Smith sentenced defendant to six
months' hard labour on the first charge,
and to a fine of \$500 on the second.

EXPORTING SILVER.

A Chinese was charged with attempting
to export subsidiary coins to the value
of \$50.Defendant stated that a clansman gave
him the coins to take to the country.
Mr. Smith ordered the money to be
confiscated.

BANISHEE RETURNS.

A Chinese was charged with returning
from banishment.Defendant had been convicted for
snatching and after serving a term of
twelve months' hard labour, had been
banished for five years in 1915. The man
pleaded that he was under the impres-
sion that his time had expired.Mr. Smith sentenced defendant to three
months' hard labour.

POLICE NEWS.

A number of Inspectors and Sergeants
will be leaving for Hong shortly on a
well-earned holiday. Among the In-
spectors leaving are Messrs. Brazil, Watt,
Macdonald, Cashman, Browne and Angus.Chief Inspector Kerr is progressing
favourably at hospital. Inspector Brazil
is acting for him.Inspector Gerrard has been appointed
to the Training School, which has its
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Fou Ngon British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. Robertson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo.—J. M. & Co.

Genzei Maru, Japanese str., 1,103 tons, Capt. Hada, from Muku, with a cargo of coal.—M.B.K.

Haigway British str., 1,500 tons, Capt. Thomson, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Huichong British str., 1,250 tons, Capt. Lovgrove, from Canton.—B. & S.

Hupoh British str., 1,295 tons, Capt. Pennefather, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice.—B. & S.

Ichang British str., 1,225 tons, Capt. Wolfe, from Canton, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Toniam American str., 4,517 tons, Capt. Howell, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—Admiral Line.

Kunehou British str., 1,225 tons, Capt. Cowan, from Bangkok and Hoihow, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Kushima British str., 3,540 tons, Capt. Bartlett, O.B.E., from London, which port she left on December 24th, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Sunang British str., 1,200 tons, Capt. Benson, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Suevic British str., 4,010 tons, Capt. Mellwaine, from Newport and Singapore, with a general cargo.—Bank Line.

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Dia, for Saigon.

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Kuip Maru, for Pakhoi.

Tai Sze Ma, for Hoihow.

Tikini, for Moku.

Tung Chow, for Shanghai.

Tungchow, for Shanghai.

Yachiu Maru, for Ching Wan Tao.

Yingchow, for Shanghai.

Yuel Shing, for Swatow.

February 8th.
Borneo Maru, for Moji.

Sushu Maru, for Canton.

Surdaga Maru, for Takao.

Tienchin, for Shanghai.

Wing Hing, for Shanmei.

February 9th.
Annapour, for London.

Chalergin, for Singapore.

Chongchow, for Bangkok.

Cuyang, for Tsingtau.

Dunlop, for Tsingtau.

Fou Shing, for Canton.

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Hongkong Observatory, February 8th.

Barometer	Thermometer	Humidity	Wind Direction	Force	Weather	Rain
30.12	55	61	North	1	0	0.02
30.13	53	61	North	1	0	0.02
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SS. "MUNCASTER CASTLE"

Sailing on or about March 23rd.

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Regular Services between

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For JAPAN.

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The most comfortable route to America and Europe.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG AT NOON.

SS. "VENEZUELA" ... Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

SS. "ECUADOR" ... Wednesday, Mar. 24th.

ALSO

The following U.S. Shipping Board vessels

SS. "WEST SELENE" ... Friday, Feb. 26th.

HONGKONG-CALCUTTA SERVICE.

SS. "LAKE FIELDING" ... Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

Cargo accepted on through Bills of Lading to Baltimore, Havana, Mexico, Central and South American ports.

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SEATTLE & VICTORIA via Shanghai & Japan ports

Cargo to Overland Points U.S. in connection with Great Northern, Northern Pacific

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KASHIMA MARU (calling Manila) ... Sunday, 22nd Feb. at 11 a.m.

FUSHIMI MARU ... Wednesday, 17th Mar. at 11 a.m.

KATORI MARU ... Tuesday, 13th Apr. at 11 a.m.

SUWA MARU ... Sunday, 2nd May, at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.

Port Said and Marseilles.

KAMO MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Feb. at Noon

IYO MARU ... Friday, 10th Feb. at Noon.

HAMBURG, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.

TOYAMA MARU ... Wednesday, 11th February.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Singapore,

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE

For NEW YORK.

S.S. "SUVERIC" via Panama February 10th.

For BOSTON & NEW YORK.

S.S. "LUCERIE" via Suez March 25th.

Subject to change without notice.

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Cargo carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (Natal), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN direct or with transshipment at CALCUTTA and/or COLOMBO.

For particulars apply to—

THE BANK LINE, LTD.
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"ELLERMAN" LINE.

(RUBEN & BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.)

JAPAN, ORINA AND STRAITS

UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

LONDON ... "MATOPPO" ... 14th February

LONDON & ROTTERDAM "SWAZI" ... 15th March.

Subject to change without notice.

For particulars of sailings shippers are requested to apply to the

undersigned.

or to Raza & Co., Canton.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.

General Agents.

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C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

For	Steamer	To Sail
SHANGHAI & PUKOW	"ICHANG"	On 10th Feb. Noon.
MANILA, Cebu & ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 11th Feb. 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 12th Feb. Noon.
SHANGHAI and TSINGTAO	"HANYANG"	On 15th Feb. Dlight
SHANGHAI & PUKOW	"SHANTUNG"	On 17th Feb. Noon.

SHANGHAI LINE—PASSENGERS, MAILS and CARGO. Excellent Saloon accommodation. Amplest Electric Light and Fans in Saloon and State-rooms. Regular schedule service between Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai (twice weekly) and Tsingtao (weekly), taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

BANGKOK LINE—Weekly service to and from Bangkok via Swatow.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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"HAIHONG"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY,	10th Feb. at 1 P.M.
"HAICHUNG"	Capt. A. H. Seiwitz	FRI. 11th,	13th Feb. at 1 P.M.
"QUINNENBACH"	Capt. J. Medina	TUESDAY,	17th Feb. at Noon.

* Calling at Amoy for Passengers Only

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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Sailings from Hongkong.

"ARIZONA"	via Suez	20th Feb.
"ANTIOCHUS"	via Suez	1st Mar.
"CHARLTON HALL"	via Suez	21st Mar.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owner's option.

Subject to change without notice.

For freight and particulars apply to—

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P. & O. - BRITISH INDIA,
AFRICAN AND EASTERN &
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(COMPANIES incorporated in ENGLAND).

MAIL AND PASSENGER SERVICES

STRAITS, JAVA, BURMA, Ceylon, INDIA, PERSIAN GULF,

WEST INDIES, MAURITIUS, EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA,

AUSTRALASIA INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND & QUEENSLAND

LAND PORTS, RED SEA, EGYPT, EUROPE, &c.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"SOMALI"	6,700	13th Feb.	Marseilles & London direct.
"NAGOYA"	7,000	13th Feb.	Do—
"DILWARA"	5,800	16th Feb.	Straits, Ceylon, Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	8,000	9th Mar.	Marseilles & London via C'bo.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"GREGORY APCAR"	4,700	6th Feb. 1 P.M.	Straits, Rangoon & Calcutta.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"EASTERN"	4,000	28th Feb.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Queensland Ports and Sydney, Melbourne.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"TAKADA"	7,000	9th Feb. Noon.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,000	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Tickets Interchangeable.

1st Saloon Passengers may travel by P. & O. Company's steamers between Singapore and Calcutta or Singapore and Madras in lieu of the section of their P. & O. Tickets Singapore to Colombo.

All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Steamers and Sailing dates are liable to be cancelled or altered without notice.

Parcels Measuring not more than 2ft. x 2ft. x 1ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

* Passengers tranship at Colombo to "Mantua."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees are reminded of the necessity to apply to the Company's Agents regarding arrival of consignments expected of which they have received documents or advice.

Any damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M. on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to

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Agents



TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Operating the following U.S. Shipper's Billed Steamers

For SEATTLE, TACOMA, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER.

(Calling at Shanghai and Kobe).

"ICONIUM" ... About Feb. 9th.

"CROSSKEYS" ... About Feb. 22nd.

"WHEATLAND" ... About Feb. 25th.

"ENDICOTT" ... About Mar. 18th.

"KLKTON" ... About Mar. 30th.

For PORTLAND direct.

(Calling at Shanghai and Kobe).

"MONTAGUE" ... About Feb. 21st.

"ABERCOR" ... About Mar. 5th.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Overland Common-points.

For Freight and Particulars apply to

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Telephone 2477 & 2478.

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FOR NEW ORLEANS.

THE U.S. SHIPPING BOARD

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About Middle MARCH, 1920.

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SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

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FAST AND LUXURIOUS MAIL STEAMERS.

Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
KOREA MARU	20,000	Feb. 23rd
TENYO MARU	21,000	Mar. 11th
SHINYO MARU	22,000	Apr. 1st
SIBERIA MARU	20,000	Apr. 1st (from Yokohama).
PERSIA MARU	9,000	Apr. 19th.

* Omits Shanghai

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

HONGKONG TO VALPARAISO VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO, SALINO CRUZ, BALBOA, ALBAO, ARICA AND IQUIQUE.

THENCE BY TRANS-ANDERSON ROUTE TO BUENOS AIRES

Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong
ANYO MARU	18,000	Mar. 13th 1920
SEIYO MARU	14,000	May, 11th.
KIYO MARU	17,200	July, 13th.

Tickets are interchangeable with the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. and the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

Passengers may travel by Rail between Ports of Call in Japan free of charge.

For all information as to rates, sailings, etc., apply to—

Telephone 2274 and 22.

T. DAIGO, Manager, King's Building.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION STEAMER & Displacement SAILING DATE

SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA "PAUL LEGAT" 20,000 On or about 22nd Feb.

SHANGHAI (Only) "SCHARNHORST" 12,000 On or about 18th Feb.

MARSEILLES via SAIGON, SEVGA "PORTHOS" 20,000 On or about 18th Feb.

FORE COLOMB "AMAZON" 10,000 On or about 10th Mar.

DIEBOUTL SUEZ "PAUL LEGAT" 20,000 On or about 20th Mar.

PORT SAID "COMMANDANT MAGES" On or about 29th Feb.

CARGO BOAT FOR EUROPE "DUNKIRK" ANTWERP ROTTERDAM

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Queen's Building

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

LONDON & ANTWERP—Monthly direct service via Singapore and Port Said.

"ATLAS MARU" ... Tuesday, 17th February.

GENOA—Monthly service. Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading, shipments at Bombay to Company's steamer.

BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO SANTOS, MAURITIUS DURBAN and CAPE TOWN via SINGAPORE.

"CANADA MARU" ... Wednesday, 3rd March.

BOMBAY COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.

"INDUS MARU" ... End of February.

SAIGON, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE—Regular Monthly service

"UNNAN MARU" ... Monday, 18th February.

SYDNEY, MELBOURNE—Monthly service taking cargo to New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

"MADRAS MARU" ... Sunday, 22nd February.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE, TACOMA—

Regular fortnightly services touching at intermediate ports in Japan and taking cargo to OVERLAND POINTS U.S. in connection with Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway.

"AFRICA MARU" ... Wednesday, 25th February.

JAPAN PORTS—Moj, Kobe Yokkaichi, Yokohama.

KEELUNG via SWATOW, AMOY—These steamers

have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class saloon passengers and will arrive at and depart from the O.S.K. wharf near the Harbour Office.

"AMAKUSA MARU" ... Sunday, 15th February.

For TAKAO via SWATOW and AMOY.

"SOSHU MARU" ... Thursday, 12th February.

For sailing notice and further particulars please apply to—

Y. YASUDA,

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Tel. No. 744 and 745.

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18,000 tons, 10,200 tons, 11,900 tons.

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The insured parcel post service to the provinces of Szechuan is suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Togama Maru	10th Feb.
JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Kamo Maru	10th Feb.
U.S.A., JAPAN AND MANILA	Kamo Maru	10th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Kashima Maru	11th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Kawaguchi Maru	11th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Tan	11th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO	PER	DATE
Macao	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 1st, 8.15 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, L. Marquis, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ	Agapenor	Tuesday, 10th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Moji	Kashima	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Hankow and Haiphong	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, India via Calcutta & Aden	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Japan via Yokohama	Sui Tai	Tuesday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
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COMMERCIAL OPENING QUOTATIONS.

OF	February 9th
London—	
Telegraphic Transfer	6-1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	6-1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	6-1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	6-1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	6-1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight	6-1/2
Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand	100
Credit, at 4 months sight	100
New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand	89 1/2
Credit, at 60 days sight	100
Bombay—	
Telegraphic Transfer	210 n.
Bank Bills, on demand	210 n.
Calcutta—	
Telegraphic Transfer	318 n.
Bank Bills, on demand	318 n.
Shanghai—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days sight	nom.
Yokohama—On demand	213
Manila—On demand—Pesos	2 1/2
Singapore—On demand	2 1/2
Batavia—On demand	2 1/2
Haiphong—On demand	nom.
Saigon—On demand	nom.
Banking, Bank's Buying Rate	\$ 235 n.
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per pair	\$3100
Bar Silver, per oz.	nom.
STANDARD COIN	
Hongkong, 30 cents piece	20.00 Discount
Hongkong, 10 "	2.40 Premium
Canton, 50 "	8.70
Canton, 10 "	0.00

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
N. J. STABB, Chief Manager
Hongkong November 2nd 1919

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Reserve Funds ... 7,000,000

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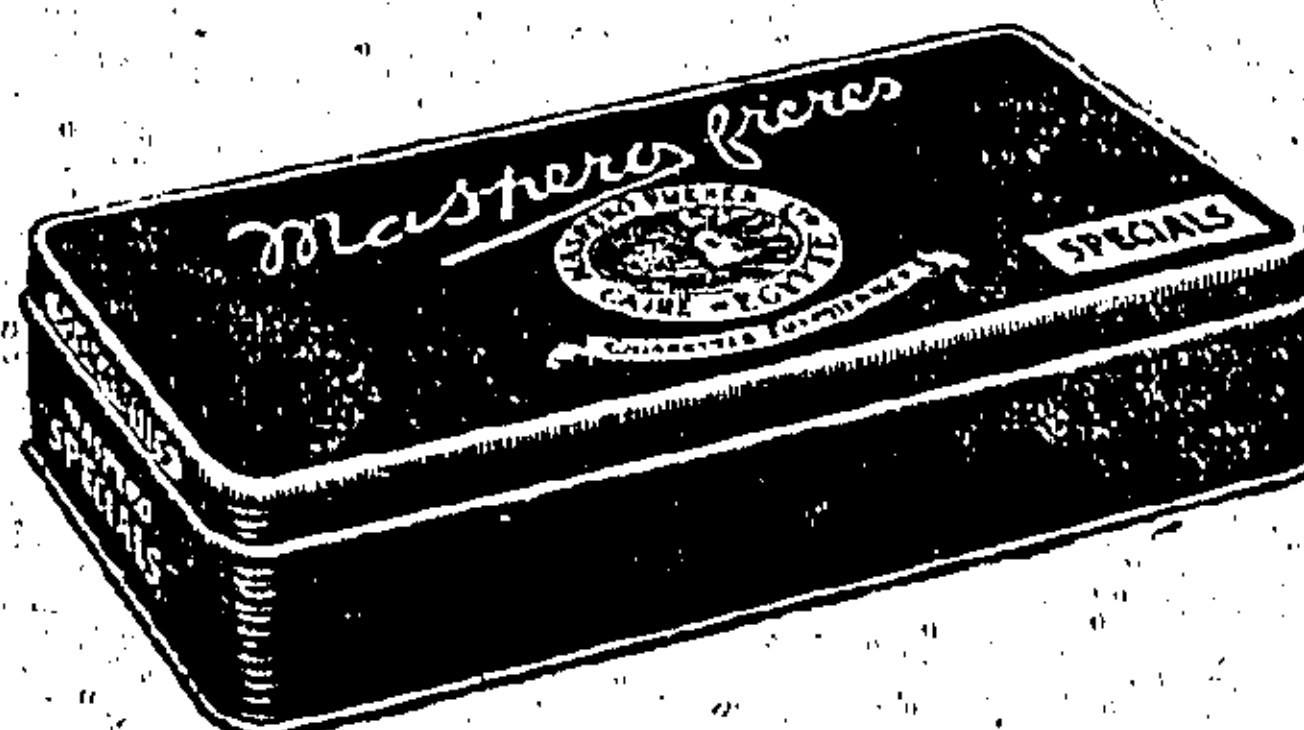
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